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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total Tenth Plan outlay envisaged for improvement as well as widening of NH-52 including the by pass at North Lakhimpur and Mangaldoi indicating year-wise target, allocation and achievement made against each sector;

(b) the present status and target set towards construction of bridge over Simen and Jiahbarali river; and

(c) the list of timber bridges being replaced by concrete and shoulder strengthening work sanctioned?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) During the 10th Plan, so far, widening and improvement (improvement of riding quality and strengthening) of NH-52 has been completed in a length of 33 km. and 182 km. respectively. The year-wise and sector-wise allocations made and funds utilized up to March 2005 are given below: -

Sector	Allocation (Rs. in crore)			Fund utilized (Rs. in crore)		
	Year					
	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Baihatacharali to Thelamara (km 0 to 113)	3.81	7.40	4.00	3.81	7.40	4.00
Thelamara to Akajan (km 113 to 440)	2.90	8.16	12.42	2.90	8.16	12.42
Akajan to Rupai (km 440-876)	24.00	17.55	21.26	24.00	17.55	21.26

The allocation for the remaining period of 10th plan is yet to be finalized. At present, there is no proposal for construction of bypasses at North Lakhimpur and Mangaldoi.

(b) During the current financial year, sub-soil investigation is proposed to be carried out for the construction of bridge over river Simen. The actual construction of the bridge is planned to commence in 2006-07, subject to the availability of funds. The model study for bridge over river Jiahbarali has commenced during December, 2004 and is expected to be completed in a period of 19 months from the date of commencement mentioned above. The feasibility for construction of the proposed bridge can be ascertained on the outcome of the said study.

(c) There are 18 wooden timber bridges on NH-52 at various locations. The Border Roads Organization, who are developing and maintaining this NH have planned to convert these bridges into permanent RCC bridges in a phased manner by 2010 subject to availability of funds. The improvement of shoulders is a part of the maintenance and repair work of the National Highway, which is a continuous process and such works are taken up subject to availability of funds and inter-se-priority.